

Moran Reappointed Co-Chair to House Hunger Caucus

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran was recently reappointed as a co-chairman of the House Hunger Caucus. Under his reappointment, Moran will continue to lead the caucus for the next two years to raise awareness about issues surrounding hunger and the important role American grown agricultural products play in feeding hungry people around the world.

"The economic downturn threatens progress we have made in our communities and around the world in reducing the number of hungry people," Moran said. "As a co-chairman, I will work to ensure that the Hunger Caucus continues to play an important role in Congress to educate Members about this issue in an effort to lead the fight against hunger."

The House Hunger Caucus holds briefings, hearings and other meetings throughout the year to discuss long term solutions to hunger.

"The Food Bank of Reno County, like many others, is feeling the effects of the economy, through decreased donations and increased usage," said David Lesperance, President of the Board of Directors for the Food Bank of Reno County. "I have found that people are willing to help but are sometimes unaware of the problems others face. Raising awareness of

the hunger problem certainly benefits those in need."

In addition to raising awareness, the House Hunger Caucus facilitates communication between those working to combat hunger and lawmakers who support the funding to assist those in need. The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program is one such program that fights child hunger and poverty by providing nutritious meals to children in schools. U.S. agricultural products are used by the program to feed more than three million children around the world each year.

Moran was first appointed as a co-chair of the House Hunger Caucus in 2007.

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